



St. Louis Audubon Society

Tale Feathers

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Join Birding and Photo Safari to Kenya

by Paul Bauer

Our second Audubon trip to East Africa earlier this year was so exceptional that I have scheduled 2 more identical trips for March and June, 1996. These trips have been fine tuned to maximize the numbers of birds and animals seen.

The same outstanding guide with 27 years of field experience in Kenya is being used for both trips. We stay 2 nights in each of the stunning lodges, so we have more time for local viewing at a relaxed pace.

The excellent guide we had made a world of difference in how much we saw. Every safari in East Africa will see 30 or more species of all the well known large mammals at close range. However with our special guide, we were privileged to experience **320 species of birds and 50 species of animals in just 11 days last June!!** Many of the large birds of prey were breeding at that time, which made them and their large nests easy to find and photograph. A leopard resting in a tree was enjoyed at point blank range, as well as several groups of over 20 elephants bathing in a river.

Of course, we saw herds of zebra and wildebeest in massive numbers, about 20 types of antelope in all sizes from oryx to dik-dik, and several lion kills to remind us of the balance in nature. Although rare, both white and black rhinos were seen more than once. Most exciting to me was watching many groups of giraffes run with unbelievable grace and seeing more than a million flamingos feeding and flying at Lake Nakuru.

On the first trip next year, March 19-31, 1996, we will certainly see the same mammals, but we should have a chance to see roughly 400 species of birds, since many "European" birds winter in Africa. For the second trip,

June 11-23, 1996, we will try to beat our record of last June and enjoy the massive herds on their semiannual migration moving north from Tanzania into Kenya. Both trips are limited to 12 persons to allow focused attention on our interests. Three optional trip extensions are also offered.

Space is still available on either trip, but if you want to join our March safari, a deposit is needed now to hold a space. If you ever dreamed of going to Africa on safari, this may be your very best opportunity to enjoy both large numbers of wild mammals and birds at close range, in a small group at a relaxed pace!

To obtain a detailed color itinerary, write to St. Louis Audubon, P.O. Box 2085, Florissant, MO 63032, or call Paul Bauer at 314/921-3972.

Also see the advertisement inside on page 5.

Help Us Build a Pipeline to Improve Our Environment

St. Louis Audubon Society is a member of the Missouri Environmental Fund (MEF), a coalition of 16 environmental groups working together to raise money to fund environmental programs. The Fund's primary mission is to increase funding of its member organizations, such as the Audubon Society, through workplace giving campaigns. A great secondary benefit is building public awareness of many environmental programs.

St. Louis Audubon needs someone to represent it on the Missouri Environmental Fund Board of Directors.

The role requires participation in approximately 5 board meetings per year; many are held in Columbia, MO, and some are via conference call. Serving on a committee is also necessary. Skills such as public speaking, marketing, and business networking

are highly sought after. Can you contribute 6 to 8 hours per month to help St. Louis Audubon and the broader environmental community? No experience is necessary; we will train you. **This is interesting and very important work.**

If you are interested in serving on this board or have any questions about MEF, contact Mary Lou Miller (H# 389-3969) or call the Fund's office at 314/771-6668. Please help us support this good work.

Award Nominations Requested

Nominations for either or both the St. Louis Audubon Society Conservationist of the Year or the Robert J. Terry Award should be sent by **February 1, 1996** to:

Julie Wells
1004 Sanders
Crestwood, MO 63126

These awards will be presented at Audubon's annual dinner and meeting on April 26, 1996.

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from the
Tale Feathers
Staff*



From Your President

by Mary Lou Miller

Membership Update from NAS

In conjunction with an advisory group of chapters, the National Audubon Society (NAS) has worked out the details of a chapter challenge for membership. It will run from January 1 through December 31, 1996. Audubon chapters will be rewarded with incentives and recognition for recruiting members. All chapters will be qualified. Percentage growths have been set for chapters in the small, medium, and large categories based on past recruiting.

Because our chapter was considering a membership drive anyway, we have been awaiting the word from NAS on this chapter challenge. 1996 is definitely the year for a membership drive! We have started a committee to work on this project, but if you would like to get involved, please call me. NAS has promised us a membership recruitment booklet and a new chapter membership brochure.

Also in the works are new student and senior citizen rates for membership. These new rates will be included in our new membership brochure. We will print a copy of this in our newsletter when it is received.

Another membership teleconference recently took place. Bill Salsgiver took part in this discussion and will report the information at the next board meeting. We are considering adding a computer to our office in the future and storing our membership information on this computer. From some initial research, it seems we might be able to clone a database from Houston, Texas, or put together our own database using 1 of several software packages on the market. This task will take some time to accomplish, so we're trying to gather as much information as possible before we make decisions.

If you would like more information on any of this membership activity, please call me (H# 389-3969), and I'll be glad to copy the information I have or discuss this with you. We would be happy to have new committee members.

Welcome to New Volunteers

Christine Matthews has recently volunteered to send cards, flowers, or memorials in St. Louis Audubon's name. This service is available for condolences, illnesses and other events that may occur to our members. Please pass on any information of this type to Christine at:

2308 Amarillo Drive
O'Fallon, MO 63366
H# 314/240-4563

Lynne Breakstone and Gail Fritch have recently joined the group of Audubon members who rotate answering calls from the public through our message center phone line. This is valuable public relations work for our organization.

LaVerne Koyn keeps track of everyone's scheduled time and answers messages along with our "regular" volunteers:

Earl Biffel
Mary Dueren
Sue Leonard
Bob Remmert
Linda Virga
Betsy Warren

Get to Know . . .

Tom Day

(This is the eighth in a series of articles written about and by St. Louis Audubon board members themselves so that all our membership can be better acquainted with our decision makers on the board.)

My path to the Audubon Society board began several years ago when my older son, Tim, built a bird feeder as a Cub Scout project. He thought it was fun, but I got hooked on birds. My interest grew steadily and played an important role when I was considering a career change.

I had spent over 20 years in the defense/aerospace business (U.S. Army and McDonnell Douglas) in business management when I decided it was time for a change. Although I was not raised in a family of entrepreneurs, I decided I wanted to go into business for myself. I combined this desire with my love for birds by opening a Wild Bird Center retail store (a franchise of Wild Bird Centers of America, Inc.).

The philosophy of Wild Bird Centers emphasizes community involvement, so I am happy to serve on the Audubon Society board. I am also a member of the Crestwood/Sunset Hills Area Chamber of Commerce. If you attend one of our board meetings, I will probably be the one who asks, "What does this have to do with birds?"

In closing, I am proud to report that my son, Tim, who got me interested in birds, is now an Eagle Scout, and his younger brother, Paul, is well on his way.

We're Sporting a New Name!!

As you can see, the St. Louis Audubon Society newsletter now has its own identity! **Catherine Mayer** of St. Louis submitted the winning name of "Tail Feathers," which we as a committee took the liberty of respelling to "Tale Feathers" to indicate the narrative/story angle of a newsletter.

Catherine will receive the nature print, matted and ready to frame, donated by Rex Schmidt.

The committee of 4--Mary Dueren, Rex Schmidt, and Dave and Karen Tylka--considered a total of 68 names, submitted by approximately 20 people. We appreciated the enthusiasm behind the submissions since some people not only suggested a name but also presented a good case why it should be the one chosen.

In selecting an appropriate name, the committee considered the current mission statement formulated in May 1994 by the chapter's strategic planning committee which states, "to achieve a balanced sustainability of natural resources as measurable by bird life." We felt it was fitting to stay with a bird theme even though many of Audubon's concerns go beyond birding, and we also wanted a short, attention-getting name which would hopefully remain in people's minds.

The decision was a difficult one as we narrowed down the list eventually to 5 finalists: Egret Express, Tail Feathers, Wildlife Calling, Winged Messenger, and Wing Tips. Thanks to all the St. Louis Audubon members for their interest and time in sending in their suggestions. And congratulations to Catherine Mayer!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Audubon Bird Walks

Bring binoculars, bird field guide, & dress for field conditions & weather. Coaching & instruction for all levels. Call leader for confirmation & more information.

Riverlands -- Saturday, January 13, 1996, at 8 am. Riverlands is in St. Charles Co. near Alton, IL. Take Hwy 367 north of I-270, across Missouri River to right on last road before Mississippi River. Go east from gas station; turn right on gravel road to Teal Pond parking lot. Leader: Paul Bauer, H# 921-3972.

Riverlands -- Saturday, February 10, 1996, at 8 am. See directions in above entry. Leaders: Paul Bauer (H# 921-3972) & Blaine Ulmer (H# 966-5425).

Riverlands/Pere Marquette -- Sunday, February 18, 1996, at 8 am. See directions in 1st Riverlands entry. Group will later caravan to 2nd location. Leader: Jim Malone, H# 536-1119.

National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count

Since 1900, the Audubon Society has sponsored this national birding census. Beginners are always welcome. Come for part or all of the day. Bring your lunch & binoculars. Contact the coordinators so they can make plans for the group. The National Audubon Society requires a \$5 per person participation fee.

Pere Marquette State Park, IL -- Saturday, December 16. Some areas will be pre-assigned; others are asked to meet at Pere Marquette Lodge at 7:45 am. For more info., call Irene Mondhill (H# 618/885-5233) or Helen Wuestenfeld, (H# 618/498-5335).

Busch Wildlife Area -- Sunday, December 17. Group will meet in parking lot of the Busch headquarters building. For more info., call Tom Parmeter, H# 314/921-6017.

Orchard Farm in St. Charles

County -- Monday, January 1, 1996. For more info., call Randy Korotov before December 20 or after December 28 (H# 314/993-0055 or W# 314/935-5637).

Audubon-Related Activities

St. Louis Audubon Membership Meeting & Program -- Thursday, January 18, 1996, 7:30 pm, at Powder Valley Nature Center. Program on Wildlife Art. For more info., call Sue Smith, H# 256-7986.

Missouri Audubon Council Meeting -- Saturday, February 3, 1996, 9 am to 3 pm, in Jefferson City. For more info., call Bill Salsgiver, H# 225-1490.

WGNSS/St. Louis Audubon Joint Meeting & Program -- Friday, February 9, 1996, 7:30 pm, at Glendale City Hall. John Bell, Head of Henry Shaw Ozark Corridor Assoc., will speak on proposed I-44 Corridor. For more info., call Sue Smith, H# 256-7986.

Special Events

Masters of the Sky -- Saturday & Sunday, January 20 & 21, 1996. American Bald Eagle Program at Clarksville, MO, Visitor Center, sponsored by Corps of Engineers. For more info., call Riverlands office, 355-6585.

Eagle Days at Clarksville -- Saturday & Sunday, January 27 & 28, 1996, 9 am to 5 pm, at Apple Shed Dinner Theater in Clarksville. Sponsored by MO Department of Conservation, events include live eagle program at theater, eagle viewing along the Mississippi River, and children's eagle activities at Clarksville Visitor Center. **Volunteers are needed for St. Louis Audubon booth for this event; please call Mary Smith, H# 949-7871.**

Masters of the Sky -- Saturday & Sunday, February 3 & 4, 1996. American Bald Eagle Program in Alton, IL, sponsored by Corps of Engineers. For more info., call Riverlands office, 355-6585.

Attention, Bird Watchers!!

The Corps of Engineers, in cooperation with the Fish and Wildlife Service, removed piping plover and interior least tern eggs that were in imminent danger of being lost due to flooding events on the Missouri River. Many of these birds were released back into the wild.

We are very interested in determining the success of our efforts and need your help. Please be on the lookout for piping plovers that have **blue flags** on the upper right leg. Both least terns and piping plovers have Fish and Wildlife Service bands on the lower left leg.

Any birds located should be reported to:

Nell McPhillips

*Fish and Wildlife Service
South Dakota Field Office
420 South Garfield Avenue
Suite 400
Pierre, South Dakota 57501
605/224-8693; FAX 605/224-9974;
or R6FWE_PIE@mail.fws.gov.*

Please be sure to include banding information, location, date, time, habitat, circumstances, or other information you believe to be pertinent.

September Monarch Tagging

by Bill Brandhorst

George Winkler, former entomologist at the St. Louis Zoo, led a group to Warren County south of Warrenton in September to tag monarch butterflies. Fifty-one monarchs were marked with a very small tag carrying a number and an address for reporting.

George would like to lead the group again next year. This year the expected day had to be canceled as there were too few monarchs. So next year we will sign up for some time in September, and George and I will phone each person when we find out when the migration is coming through.

These monarchs fly south even from Canada and winter at 10,500 feet in the mountains west of Mexico City, returning somewhat worn in late February or early March. After several broods, they reach Canada the next summer, following the distasteful milkweed all the way.

At one time it was thought there were billions of specimens wintering in Mexico. The tags, already now found there, may eventually indicate what causes the variation in numbers from year to year.

The Conservation Corner

City Accepts Proposal for Arena Site

by Jim Holsen

On November 21 the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority (LCRA) of the City of St. Louis agreed to sell the Arena site to Forest Park Assistance Corporation (FPAC), a not-for-profit corporation organized by the St. Louis Art Museum. FPAC will pay \$10 million for the site plus a planning and maintenance fee of \$1 million over 5 years.

No particular use has been proposed for the site at this time. Instead, FPAC will work with a planning group representing diverse interests and a professional planner to determine how the site can best be used to benefit Forest Park. If a plan acceptable to the planning group and to the City of St. Louis cannot be reached within 2 years, FPAC can sell the site and donate the profits to Forest Park.

The agreement between FPAC and the City is more complex than was first reported in the newspaper. FPAC will provide planning for a 50-acre site that includes, in addition to the Arena property, a 14-acre commercial site along Hampton Avenue and 10 acres on the Forest Park Community College campus. Presumably, a commercial development will occupy the 14-acre site on Hampton, and the area on the college campus may be used for a parking structure serving both the college and the park.

However, the planning process is wide open; the objective will be to use the 50 acres to best meet park needs and to provide some commercial development for the City. It is also anticipated that a vocational school will be located somewhere within the 50-acre area.

In return for acquiring the site, the Museum is asking for a City ordinance giving the Museum permission to expand on up to 4 acres on Art Hill, within Forest Park.

Citizens to Protect Forest Park and others who have worked to prevent the Arena site from being lost to commercial development visualize that the 26

acres can be used to alleviate parking problems within the park and to provide park institutions with an opportunity to expand outside the confines of the present park--perhaps by providing space for a visitors center, exhibition galleries, gift shops, or an auditorium. A shuttle service could be provided to sites within the park. It is even possible that a future MetroLink station could be established nearby.

An opportunity for innovative solutions to the problems of institutional expansion will be lost if the Art Museum, Zoo, Missouri Historical Society, and Science Center cannot learn to recognize that they must cooperate to solve their common problems. So far, there is little indication that they can work together; in many cases each seems to view the others as obstacles to the attainment of its own goals.

It was hoped that the Art Museum, as the organizer of FPAC, would lead the park institutions in a common endeavor to help resolve the problems of expansion. But the Art Museum itself is a backslider. Only 1 year ago it was reported that the Museum was bidding for the Arena site in order to "put up a building that would house a portion of the museum's collections," i.e., to expand its exhibition space away from Art Hill. Yet 6 months later as conversations began with Citizens to Protect Forest Park, we were told that it would be impossible for the Museum to split its collection. Had the Museum stuck to its position of 1 year ago, we would have little basis for controversy now.

In the meantime, many people who participated in the Forest Park Master Plan process are discouraged. Land use in Forest Park was perhaps the most controversial issue, yet the expansion plans of the park institutions were made known only a few days before the final public presentation of the plan--after nearly 2 years of discussion. The 1 or 2 meaningful policies that came out of the first year's discussion of goals and policies were watered down or eliminated in executive committee meetings or by the Board of Aldermen, before the document went to Mayor Bosley.

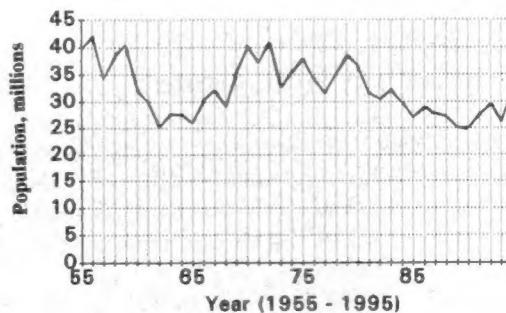
Those policies would have provided a mechanism for public input on plans for institutional expansion and a statement that institutions should be encouraged to expand outside the park, preferably on lands adjacent to the park. This handling of the design process left many participants discouraged--institutional plans for expansion were not subjected to the same scrutiny that went into other aspects of park design.

Duck Populations Flying High, but Maybe Not for Long

by Jim Holsen

Last year in the fall migration over all of North America, the populations of the 10 most common species of ducks were up by 24 percent over the numbers of the previous year. In the December '94 and June '95 newsletters, we showed that this remarkable increase was due to a combination of 2 factors: exceptionally wet weather combined with excellent habitat in the prairie pothole wetlands of the Dakotas and Montana and in the prairie provinces of Canada.

Breeding Duck Populations
(Northern Plains States and Canada)



The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), enacted in the 1985 Farm Bill, pays farmers to set aside highly erodible land, much of it in the northern plains states, and to plant it in grassland cover that provides waterfowl the protection from predators that they need for survival.

This spring was another wet season in the pothole wetlands, and duck populations are up again. The fall migration over central North America is estimated to include 83 million ducks, up by 12 million over 1 year ago and by 24 million over 2 years ago. In an unusual event, sudden cold fronts sweeping across the plains states sent many ducks on their way south at

the same time. Traffic control radars at Des Moines, Omaha, and Kansas City were jammed by clouds of ducks heading for warmer weather.

As always, the critical breeding population of 36 million in the so-called survey area of the northern plains states and central Canada is much less than the migratory population that includes the summer youngsters, but it is close to the average breeding population in the "good years" of the 1970's, and not far from the high point of the past 40 years, close to 42 million in 1956.

We may, however, be finding diminishing numbers of migrating ducks on the Mississippi flyway in future years. In the Senate reconciliation bill, the 1996 budget for the CRP is \$1.787 billion, somewhat below the approximately \$1.8 billion in the budget for 1995. But after next year, budgeted funds for the CRP decline to less than \$1 billion by the year 2002, with a proportionate decrease in the acreage of lands contracted to the CRP. This seems to provide a short-sighted "savings," since the cost of the CRP is more than made up by savings that the government realizes by retaining the crop subsidy payments that would have been paid out if the CRP lands had been planted in crops.

Other legislation introduced into Congress would repeal provisions in the so-called Swampbuster Act that protects agricultural wetlands, leaving 12 million acres of wetlands, including wetlands less than 1 acre in area, vulnerable. Swampbuster does not prohibit the conversion of wetlands to agriculture, but it does prohibit the payment of crop subsidies to farmers who do convert wetlands to agricultural uses. Many of the prairie potholes are less than 1 acre in area.

These 2 provisions, if enacted, could have the result of reducing the fall migration through the central states by one half, leaving only 18 million breeding birds, many fewer than we have had in any of the bad years over the past 4 decades.

At this time we cannot be certain of the Farm Bill legislation that will eventually emerge from Congress. President Clinton is expected to veto the budget reconciliation bill in whatever form it first reaches his desk. The final budget is expected to contain more protection for the environment, but we will have to wait to see if the CRP will be maintained at anywhere near its present level.

Shaw Arboretum Seeks Hearty Volunteers for Glade Restoration

The staff of Shaw Arboretum invites all interested parties to take part in the ecological restoration of the Arboretum's overgrown dolomite glades (described below). The work is hands-on, heavy and dirty and will occur on weekends in any weather, but hot beverages and heated shelter will be provided, along with scheduled breaks. Participants should bring a lunch and dress in layers.

Volunteers will be personally involved in the healing of a sick habitat that is an important part of Missouri's heritage of biological diversity. Future reunions will be scheduled so that restorationist volunteers may return to observe the progress they started.

Glades are dry grasslands of the south- and west-facing slopes of southern Missouri, southern Illinois, Tennessee, and Arkansas. They have many plants in common with prairies but also many species found only in glades. These natural openings in the wooded landscape once occurred

widely in the region, but encroachment of cedars and the resulting shade and changes in soil under the trees have caused extensive losses of glade habitat.

At Shaw Arboretum, perhaps 10 percent of the open glade that once occurred there now remains. Ecologists have discovered that removing the cedars and introducing prescribed burning allow glades to regain their grassy-flowery richness in just a few years. The formerly overgrown habitats once again become suitable for grassland birds, butterflies, collared lizards, and lichen grasshoppers, as well as stunning displays of spring wildflowers.

Work parties for the 1995-96 season are scheduled on the following Saturdays from 9 am to 4 pm:

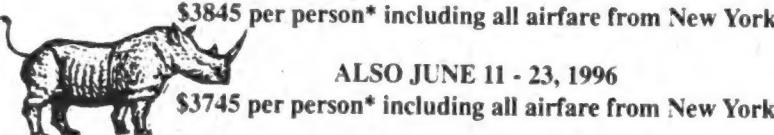
January 13
February 10
March 9

Please call James Trager at Shaw Arboretum to become involved in this important work, 314/451-3512 or 314/451-0850.

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AUDUBON ADVENTURES

The Education Corner

St. Louis Audubon Holds Successful Bird Seed Sale

St. Louis Audubon made a profit of \$654.15 at its annual bird seed sale, held this year at the Wild Bird Center in Crestwood on October 28.

Audubon thanks **Tom and Kathy Day** for allowing us to hold the sale at their business place. All the volunteers had an enjoyable day there.

Thank you to **Dianne Johnson, Sue Jones, and Sue Smith** for all their effort in planning and organizing a profitable and problem-free day.

For lifting and loading seed bags all day, a big thank you to **Lynne Breakstone, Tom Day, Mary Dueren, Dianne Johnson, Sue and Bill Jones, Jim Malone, and Bill Salsgiver**.

Curriculum Material Donated

St. Louis Audubon Society has recently provided a set each of "Living Lightly in the City," an environmental curriculum packet, to Karen Turner, a teacher in the St. Louis City Schools, and to Hal Orange, a science curriculum consultant, also with the St. Louis City School District. This material is available from National Audubon Society.

CCA Chairperson Needed

St. Louis Audubon is in need of a person to chair our participation in the Community Club Awards (CCA). Our members save certain purchase receipts and product labels and turn them in for points. These points are turned in at special times during the year for cash prizes.

The person taking this position can work out of his or her home. A couple of meetings with the Community Club group outside the home will also be necessary. Collecting and keeping track of the items turned in are the main thrust of this position. This is one of our fund raising activities. Call Mary Lou Miller (H# 389-3969) if you would like to help us.

Audubon Camp Scholarships Available

The St. Louis Audubon Society is once again pleased to offer 2 scholarships to the Audubon ecology camps run by the National Audubon Society. The camps are located in Connecticut, Maine, and Wyoming. Attendance at an Audubon camp can enrich your life.

The scholarships cover the cost of the 6- or 7-day session fee. Transportation costs are the responsibility of the selected recipients.

Educators are especially encouraged to apply. Camp scholarship information will be sent to the science coordinators of the St. Louis school districts in January, 1996. Interested applicants unable to obtain this information from their science coordinator should contact:

Julie Wells
1004 Sanders
Crestwood, MO 63126
H# 962-2093

Anyone interested in attending a camp on his or her own or obtaining information on other U.S. and international Audubon ecology workshops should contact:

National Audubon Society
Camps and Ecology Workshops
613 Riversville Rd.
Greenwich, CT 06831
203/869-2017

Field Science Volunteers Needed

The Field Science Department of Washington University's Tyson Research Center is seeking volunteers available on weekdays to help with nature education programs for school children and scouts.

School topics include pond studies, bird banding, forest ecology, and spring wildflowers. Scout programs cover wildlife-related badge work for Brownies, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts. No previous knowledge is necessary as training will be provided.

Tyson is located just east of Eureka. Please call Tyson Field Science at 935-8430 for more information. If you are interested in the wild and natural and would enjoy working with children in the great outdoors, we need you!

Birdathon Chairperson Sought

This volunteer position would be involved in Birdathon mainly in the spring of the year--April, May, and June, 1996. We already have several people who have volunteered to help this year. Plans have been discussed which include a Birdathon with the former Dolphin Defenders, now the Earth Angels. Also, we might want to do a Birdathon with several people going together to make it more fun.

You don't have to be a birder, but it would be nice to have someone who is enthusiastic about our education program, which is the recipient of the Birdathon donations. If you are interested in this project, please call Mary Lou Miller (H# 389-3969).



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 St. Louis, MO 63129-2466

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NOTE: If you would like any items delivered by Christmas, please call Betsy Warren (H# 892-1302) to request special delivery arrangements.

Friend of Birds Killed in Accident
By Mary Lou Miller

On September 19, Constance ("Connie") Taylor Hawkins was killed in an automobile accident. Connie had recently moved to St. Charles with friends.

Her son, David Moranville, said his mother was a lover of all birds and had many pet birds during her lifetime. In keeping with her love for birds, the family thought it appropriate to have memorials given to the St. Louis Audubon Society. We have received many memorials in Connie's name, which are listed below.

Our condolences go out to the family. We thank those who remembered Connie with their gifts to us.

Donations to the St. Louis Audubon Society in memory of Connie Hawkins:

Ronnie Colbert
 Michelle Frankenberg
 Betty & Chuck Freeman
 Agnes Gervais
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 Rose & Ken Morrison
 Helen Neuman
 Sharon Piper
 Linda Powers
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 West Travel, Ltd.

ST. LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Check the membership category desired: New Renewal

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<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining/\$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting/\$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Sr. Citizen/\$21
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Send application to:

Mrs. Katherine Chambers, Membership Chairman
 St. Louis Audubon Society 7XCH8
 7024 Forsyth
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Improvements Made in Audubon Office

Bill Brandhorst recently built shelving for the entire west wall of the main room of St. Louis Audubon's office area. Bill, along with Bill, John, and Mark Salsgiver, has installed these shelves, and they are now ready to paint.

These spacious shelves will be used to store some of Audubon's mounted butterflies and birds, books, and booth and exhibit materials. Thanks to these 4 fellows for their hard work!

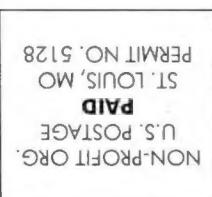
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